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NEXT-GEN GROWERS

Brothers Norman, left, and Daniel Detillieux are part of a growing youth demographic at the Western Canadian Crop Production Show. Trade show manager Lori Cates says a thriving industry and new technologies are some of the main reasons that young adults are becoming interested in the agriculture industry. Story, page 3. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Medical faxing
fumbles exposed

Report. Sask. privacy watchdog looks at cases of personal health information going to the wrong people

An investigation into systemic privacy breaches in Saskatchewan's health system has found that detailed hormone therapy information of a transgender person was faxed to a school.

The finding is one example in a report by Saskatchewan privacy commissioner Gary Dickson, who looked at situations where health authorities or doctors faxed personal health information to wrong numbers.

Dickson said it's an antiquated way to share information.

"There's information that is faxed that is so sensitive, so obviously sensitive, you sort of say why would any trustee think it's appropriate that this is the way to communicate this information, just because the risks are substantial with faxing."

Dickson said at a news conference Thursday.

The breaches in 2012 and 2013 affected about 1,000 patients across the province. Dickson said most involved faxing features on electronic medical records systems — not stand-alone fax machines.

The commissioner said incorrect or outdated fax numbers were at the root of most of the breaches. He also said many of the misdirected faxes reflected inadequacies in policy, procedure and training.

A similar report was done in 2010 after several health information privacy breaches were found.

Dickson made recommendations at that time to fix the problems, but now says his optimism that changes would be made "may have been misplaced." Some health officials in the latest investigation told him they had never heard about the 2010 report, he said.

Dickson suggested the Health Ministry needs to provide a comprehensive manual, similar to one in Alberta, to help health professionals understand and follow health

Phase-out

"There are certainly risks associated with faxing and eHealth is working, but it will take some time ... to eliminate faxing as the methodology of getting results to care providers."

Susan Antosh of eHealth Saskatchewan

privacy legislation.

The head of the agency responsible for Saskatchewan's electronic health records said she'd like to see an end to faxing personal health information.

Susan Antosh of eHealth Saskatchewan said there needs to be a balance between privacy and the need to get information to people who provide patient care.

"Right now we're not yet in a position where all of the results can be obtained electronically or, secondly, where all of the providers can receive results electronically."

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irritated skin. Bell #60 "saved my life". My skin is now beautiful and you would never know I suffered from acne and other skin problems for years. **Zach Lustgarten, 18, Oshawa, ON** ■ **Spent 30 minutes every day** popping and picking my face. Since puberty I had acne and irritating itching. After starting Bell #60 my acne cleared up, itching stopped, no more breakouts. Make-up looks nice on my face again. Thanks for an amazing natural product that really works. **Adwoa Mainoo, 38, Etobicoke, ON** **RED NOSE/CHEEKS ROSACEA** gone in less than a week. Was fighting it for 30 years with topical creams and prescriptions without getting satisfaction. I live a healthy life, don't smoke and don't drink. People thought a reddish face comes from drinking. This is a myth. Will take it for the rest of my life when needed. **Donald E. Gillespie, 56, Innisfil, ON** ■ **My husbands suffered for 28 years** with Rosacea. It has been a nightmare for him physically and emotionally. It was frustrating seeing so many doctors and specialists and spending lots of money without success. Bell #60 worked within a short time. Itching stopped quickly. We've finally found our savior product. **Lynn Litman, 54, Coeur d'Arle, ID**

PSORIASIS ■ **I had severe psoriasis** over 95% of my body. Last 5 years I have stunned every doctor and dermatologist. I spent tons of money on remedies. After I got Bell #60, I've never seen anything work as fast in my life. Within 2 days I saw my skin clearing up. I'm speechless. This was inexpensive compared with what I spent before. **Jessica Shantz, 25, Dawson Creek, BC** ■ **My husband had psoriasis so bad** he scratched until it was bleeding. We went for 5 years to doctors and dermatologists who prescribed special soaps and expensive creams that were of no help. Bell #60 brought complete relief before the bottle was finished. Thanks so much for all the Bell products. We use many of them now. **Ruthann Bennett, 64, Pittsburgh, PA**

ECZEMA For 6 years my family doctor and dermatologist tried many medications and creams. After taking Bell #60 for just a few days my eczema itching stopped and my face started to clear up. After suffering so long I am amazed with the results. **Andy Yuen, 58, Vancouver, BC** ■ **I am a minister** and had eczema on my right hand for some 30 years. This has been an embarrassing problem as I do a lot of handshaking. Expensive prescriptions did very little. My granddaughter finally helped by recommending Bell #60 and it worked within days. I take it now when needed. I hope others will be helped just as well. **Rev. Larry K. Raynes, 70, Taylors, SC**

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Tidying up after windstorm

Operations. City crews worked smoothly to clear mess, says official



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Officials with the City of Saskatoon said it was back to business as usual after a windstorm on Wednesday that caused a variety of damage throughout the city.

Ray Unrau, Saskatoon's director of emergency planning, said while the windstorm did topple some trees and cause some power outages throughout the city, cleanup on Thursday was "low key."

"Everyone is back to normal operating procedures and it's really just another day in the city to get some work done," said Unrau.

"It seems that our crews were very well co-ordinated and they worked under some windy conditions to get the job done, so it's pretty impressive that they were able to function as effectively as they did."

Unrau said city crews re-

sponded to about 12 calls of fallen trees over the course of the event, and despite the windy conditions, operations were carried out normally.

However, some Saskatonians, like University of Saskatchewan business student Jacelyn Lerat, were still dealing with the mess on Thursday.

A resident at a home on the 800 block of Avenue H North where a large tree branch was blown onto the house, puncturing the roof, Lerat said they're working to get things back to normal.

"We're just going to get the tree off and fix it up after," she said as a family friend worked to remove the tree.

"My cousin and my cousin's boyfriend are roofers, so they're going to come and shingle it ... and my grandpa is actually going to repair (the hole)."

She added they hoped to have the property cleaned up by Thursday afternoon.

Other damage in the city included a pickup truck being crushed by a piece of roof blown off a construction site and a single window being blown out of an office building in the downtown.



Jacelyn Lerat is seen outside her residence, which was damaged during Wednesday's windstorm. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

A youthful lift for the face of farming

The face of Saskatchewan farming could be getting younger.

Organizers of the Western Canadian Crop Production Show say they've seen more young people at the 2014 event than in the past, and they believe it's a result of a changing climate in agriculture.

"Agriculture is thriving in Saskatchewan and family farms are getting larger," said trade show manager Lori

Cates, who has been with the Saskatoon event for 10 years.

"We've seen lots of young people pushing strollers and lots of kids this year, so perhaps those young farm guys who went away to Alberta to work a few years ago are now coming back to the family farm."

Emerging technology in the industry is also serving as a draw, Cates said, noting that advancements in traditional

practices are bringing the field into the digital age.

"There's so much technology now with GPS, with automated equipment," she said. "And I think it's much easier for the young people to adapt to those changes."

Younger farmers at the show say they too have noticed the changing face of the industry.

"Over the years, there's

more young people starting to get interested in farming and attending shows like this," said 29-year-old Dean Keeler, who works at a farm about 16 kilometres east of the town of Dinsmore.

Norman Detillieux, 25, who was attending the show with his brother Daniel, 27, agrees.

"There's a lot of younger guys and dads with their sons. I think that a lot of sons are

going back to the farm too, so that's where the younger crowd is coming from," Norman said.

Daniel added, "Farming in the last five years has been quite well."

"A lot more young people are seeing the success on the farm and of agriculture as a whole, so we're seeing more young people stay at the farm."

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Man uses pig spleen to predict the weather



Jeff Woodward learned from his late uncle, Gus Wickstrom, how to forecast the weather using a pig spleen. COURTESY/CATHY RUETZ

When Jeff Woodward of Regina gazes into the fatty deposits of a pig spleen, he sees more than a bloody mess.

He sees the future.

"It goes back to the pagan times when you would slaughter your pigs in the fall," said Woodward. "The spleen would give some representation of what the winter was going to be like."

Woodward learned this icky weather forecasting technique from his uncle,

Gus Wickstrom, who was a well-known personality around the town of Gull Lake and died in 2007. Since then, Woodward has been carrying on the tradition.

"My uncle's claim was that my ancestors did it in Sweden," he said.

For the past few years, Woodward has predicted general weather patterns six months in advance. And he said more often than not, he's been right.

In fact, he said, he's even giving Environment Canada a run for their money.

"They put a lot of science into it, but the spleen has been more accurate for the most part," he said.

The way it works is Woodward divides the spleen into six parts for each month. He then looks at the shape of the sections to determine the weather for the area the pig was raised.

"You can use how dense

the fat is to say how cold it's going to be or when precipitation is going to fall," he said.

While the process isn't easy, Woodward said it's no secret. Anyone with a good pig spleen can give it a try.

"They're raw. You just pick it up and read it," he said.

Visit metronews.ca for some of Woodward's 2014 predictions.

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Saskatoon symphony ready to rock with Pink Floyd's music

Catering to a different audience. Classic rock theme hopes to draw new patrons to symphony



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The Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra is taking a page from the rock 'n' roll playbook.

This Saturday Saskatonians will have the opportunity to hear their favorite Pink Floyd songs performed by the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra (SSO) as part of the organization's Conexus Pop Series.

Featuring hits from Pink Floyd's 1979 album the Wall, alongside selections from the 1973 album, the Dark Side of the Moon, Mark Turner,

Quoted

"It's the real concert experience and it's really trying to engage people who maybe haven't been to the symphony before."

Mark Turner, general manager of the SSO

general manager of the SSO hopes the event serves as an introduction for those who have never attended a performance.

"It's the real concert experience and it's really trying to engage people who maybe haven't been to the symphony before," he said.

"It's funny. People have a stigma, they think they don't like going to a symphony concert and once they go, they walk out of there feeling like

they've never felt before.

"It's such a rush of energy," Turner said.

Teaming up with rock musicians, Jeans 'n Classics, the show won't be a typical trip to the symphony.

"It's quite the opposite," Turner said. "Jeans 'n Classics, they're quite theatrical, it's like a rock concert, but with an orchestra."

Turner noted this event would impress even the biggest of Pink Floyd fans, adding tickets are already 75 per cent sold as of Thursday morning.

"People could ask, 'If I want to hear Pink Floyd's the Dark Side of the Moon, why don't I just stay home and listen to Dark Side of the Moon,' but there is no substitute for live-music," he said. "No matter how good the CD quality is, you can't fake it."

For ticket information visit saskatoonsymphony.org



Mark Turner, general manager of the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, poses for a photo with a poster for their upcoming concert at TCU Place, featuring the music of British rockers Pink Floyd. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Economy

Financial optimism growing amongst residents in the province, survey finds

A new survey finds that Saskatchewanians are more optimistic about their personal finances and the province's economic stature than they were nearly a decade ago.

Yet concerns persist as to how the province's large aboriginal community is being integrated into the economic

patchwork.

Cam Cooper, principal at the Praxis polling firm, said the results of the 2013 Saskatchewan Outlook survey show a noticeable attitude swing from those of a similar poll commissioned nine years earlier.

"In 2004 ... (respondents) thought the province wasn't doing very well, but they felt their household was probably running ahead of the province as a whole," Cooper explained.

"In 2013, they ranked the province (and themselves) strongly positive."

In a reversal of the earlier survey, Cooper said,

respondents in 2013 viewed their personal economic situations as positive, but not quite as stellar as that of the province.

The contrast, he noted, might reflect a more assertive spirit taking hold.

More than 76 per cent of respondents, though, said members of the aboriginal community aren't taking their share of jobs and opportunities made possible by Saskatchewan's recent growth.

"The majority felt aboriginals would do better with a higher level of skills and education," Cooper explained.

Respondents hold general-

ly positive views on growth, increased immigration and economic opportunity.

About 78 per cent of respondents said immigrants have added flavour to Saskatchewan, while more than 63 per cent said newcomers take positions that we don't have a qualified people to fill.

"Some people have some concerns (about immigration)," Cooper added, "but they're in the minority."

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China. Dense smog hovers over Beijing as pollution spikes to dangerous levels

Beijing's skyscrapers receded into a dense grey smog Thursday as the capital saw the season's first wave of extremely dangerous pollution, with the concentration of toxic small particles registering more than two dozen times the level considered safe.

The air took on an acrid odour, and many of the city's commuters wore industrial-strength face masks as they

hurried to work.

"I couldn't see the tall buildings across the street this morning," said a traffic co-ordinator at a Beijing intersection who gave only his surname, Zhang.

Beijing authorities said the haze on Thursday had reduced the visibility to several hundred metres and that the severe pollution was likely to continue through Friday.

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Nunavut

Inquest called over record suicide year

Nunavut's chief coroner is calling a special inquiry in response to a record number of suicides in the territory last year.

Padma Suramala says 45 people killed themselves in 2013, making Nunavut's suicide rate 13 and a half times higher than the national average — a figure she calls terribly disheartening. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal policy

Trudeau wary of legal prostitution

Justin Trudeau isn't endorsing a proposal to legalize prostitution, saying it's one of many resolutions to be debated at the party's national policy convention in Montreal next month.

Trudeau says he looks forward to the debate, but appears to be signalling his own views against legalization, arguing prostitution is a form of violence against women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cybercrime

RCMP boss: Feds not doing enough

The RCMP commissioner has warned Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney the government must do more to fight cybercrime.

In a letter, commissioner Bob Paulson argues the government needs to focus more on providing the public with information and strengthening law-enforcement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg

Woman stabbed by car thief: Police

A Winnipeg woman and her child weren't seriously hurt after a thief stabbed the woman and stole her vehicle Wednesday.

Police said while the woman, 30, was clearing snow off her car, a man demanded her keys. She refused, so the man stabbed her leg and took her keys. The woman managed to get her child out of the vehicle before the thief drove off.

METRO IN WINNIPEG

Trudeau admits \$840 in bad expense claims

Administrative errors? Expenses were incurred while Liberal leader was working as paid public speaker; he says money has been fully repaid

In the midst of the Senate expenses scandal, Justin Trudeau has fessed up to some expense claim transgressions of his own.

The Liberal leader disclosed Thursday that he wrongly claimed \$840 in MP travel and living expenses incurred while he was actually moonlighting as a paid public speaker.

He called them administrative errors and said he fully repaid the money as soon as he was made aware of the problem.

Conservative and NDP rivals pounced on the admis-

sion, accusing Trudeau of being little better than the senators who are under RCMP investigation for making allegedly fraudulent expense claims.

But Trudeau insisted his public disclosure and swift action to remedy the mistake shows he's setting a new standard of transparency.

"I am now explaining that to Canadians because one of the most important things about my approach in politics has been creating a level of accountability, of transparency, of openness, of honesty that means admitting when mistakes were made, taking responsibility for them and fixing them in an open manner that hopefully will continue to restore Canadians' trust in our political system," he said during an appearance with a provincial Liberal byelection candidate in Thornhill, Ont.

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Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau greets people after introducing Liberal byelection candidate Sandra Yeung Racco in Thornhill, Ont., on Thursday.

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Family of jailed Canadian journalist arrives in Cairo

The parents of an imprisoned Egyptian-Canadian journalist arrived in Cairo Thursday as local prosecutors interrogated their son on suspicions of broadcasting false news that harmed national security.

Mohamed Fahmy's family insisted there was no truth to the allegations against the 40-year-old, who is spending his third week languishing in a cold, dark, insect-ridden cell

at an infamous prison which houses some of Egypt's most notorious criminals.

"The accusation about him fabricating news ... I'm pretty sure that this accusation is not about Mohamed," Fahmy's younger brother, Sherif, said from Kuwait.

Fahmy, along with Australian correspondent Peter Grete and Egyptian producer Baher Mohamed, was working for Al-

Jazeera English when they were arrested Dec. 29. Authorities apprehended them in a Cairo hotel room where they had been working after the government raided the offices of the Qatar-based news broadcaster.

Egypt's Interior Ministry had said the arrests were part of a crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood, which the government branded a terrorist organization after overthrowing

Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in a coup in July.

The family is now hoping Fahmy's parents, who flew to Cairo from Montreal, will be allowed to see their son.

"We're pushing hard for them to be able to see Mohamed within the next couple of days — he requested that, so we're hoping it will happen soon," Fahmy's brother said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Indian police say gang-rape suspects identified

Indian police said Thursday that they were closing in on five homeless men in the gang-rape of a 51-year-old Danish tourist in New Delhi, a case that highlights the plague of sexual violence in the country and threatens to tarnish its tourism industry.

Three other suspects were earlier picked up and accused of taking part in Tuesday's attack, which lasted nearly three hours and happened near Connaught Place, a popular shopping area in the heart of New Delhi, police spokesman Rajan Bhagat said.

"We have identified the culprits. All of them are vagabonds," a police official said.

Tourism figures fell significantly in the three months following the 2012 fatal gang-rape of a young Indian woman — a case that caused public outrage — with visits by women dropping 35 per cent, according

to the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India.

Last week, an 18-year-old German charity worker said she was assaulted on a train in southern India by a fellow passenger. In March, a Swiss woman reported being gang-raped in central India as she and her husband camped out in a forest after bicycling from the temple town of Orchha. And in June, a 30-year-old American woman was gang-raped in the northern resort town of Manali as she was hitchhiking to her guest house after visiting a friend.

Police said the Danish tourist was raped at knife-point Tuesday after she approached a group of men for directions back to her hotel. Instead of helping her, the men lured her to a secluded spot and raped her repeatedly, according to police.

Public fury over the 2012 rape case has led to more

Violence continues

Violence against women in India has caused increasing alarm since the fatal gang-rape of a 23-year-old Indian physiotherapy student in New Delhi in December 2012.

- Several foreign tourists also have been targeted in attacks that have received international attention, although Indian women are assaulted far more frequently.

stringent laws that doubled prison terms for rape to 20 years and criminalized voyeurism and stalking. But many women say daily indignities and abuse continue unabated and that the new laws have not made the streets any safer.

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Col. Jamila Bayaz at her office in Kabul, Afghanistan. MASSOUD HOSSAINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Female police chief a first in Afghanistan

Top cop. Says she's ready to serve, despite danger of being a possible Taliban target

Quoted

"There are difficulties, but I will continue."

Col. Jamila Bayaz, Afghanistan's first female district police chief

She wears a black headscarf instead of a cap. But otherwise Col. Jamila Bayaz looks like any other district police chief in Afghanistan as she reviews checkpoints in the centre of Kabul.

Bayaz, 50, is the first woman to be promoted to run an entire district — the highest frontline appointment for an Af-

ghan policewoman. With just two days on the job, she said she feels up to the challenge despite the threat, as police-women are among the Taliban's top targets.

"I work day and night," she said as she walked through a money exchange bazaar that lies at the heart of Kabul's Dis-

trict 1. "I am ready to serve; I am not scared, nor am I afraid."

In the past seven months, several prominent women have been attacked, including two Afghan police officers who were killed in the south, an Indian author living in eastern Afghanistan who was killed years after her memoir about life under Taliban rule became a Bollywood film, and an Afghan senator who was wounded in an ambush. Another female parliamentarian was kidnapped by the Taliban and later released in a prisoner exchange. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Natural disaster

USDA responds to drought concerns

Federal officials have designated portions of 11 drought-ridden western and central states as primary natural disaster areas, highlighting the financial strain the lack of rain is likely to bring to farmers in those regions.

The announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture means eligible farmers can qualify for low-interest emergency loans from the USDA. While storms have pelted the East, droughts are persisting or intensifying in the West.

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Newtown tragedy

Shooter called radio show

The man who carried out the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown apparently called a radio station a year earlier to discuss the 2009 mauling of a Connecticut woman by a chimpanzee.

The caller believed to be Adam Lanza speaks softly on a show on the University of Oregon's campus radio station and blames "civilization" for the animal's attack.

Lanza killed 20 children and six adults at the school in Newtown on Dec. 14, 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigeria

Court sentences gay man to lashes

A young man convicted of sodomy was whipped 20 times Thursday in a northern Nigerian Shariah court.

Though Mubarak Ibrahim was found guilty under Shariah law, it is the first conviction of a gay man in Nigeria since President Goodluck Jonathan signed a bill that further criminalizes homosexuality under the West African nation's Western-style penal code.

The 20 lashes were administered in the public court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Problem with alcoholics? Get them to work for beer



Fifty-year-old Karel Slinger, participant in a pilot project for alcoholics that offers to fund their drinking rather than try to cure them, pauses for beer at the clubhouse in Amsterdam, Wednesday. PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough job. Pilot project in Amsterdam has garnered worldwide attention

The men streaming in and out of a small clubhouse in east Amsterdam could almost be construction workers at the end of a hard day, cracking jokes as they down a few Heinekens, waiting for their paycheques. But it's only noon, the men are alcoholics and the beers are the paycheque.

In a pilot project that has drawn attention in the Netherlands and around the world, the city has teamed up with a charity organization in hopes of improving the neighbourhood and possibly improving life for the alcoholics. Not by trying to get them to stop drinking, but instead by offering to fund their habit outright.

Participants are given beer in exchange for light work col-

The problem

For years, around 50 rowdy, aging alcoholics had plagued a park in east Amsterdam, annoying other park-goers with noise, litter and occasional harassment.

- The city had tried many hard-handed solutions, spending 1 million euros (about \$1.5 million) a year on prevention, treatment and policing programs to deal with the problem, but nobody was satisfied.

lecting litter, eating a decent meal, and sticking to their schedule. The men must show up at 9 a.m., three days a week. They start off with two beers, work a morning shift, eat lunch, get two more beers, and then do an afternoon shift before closing out with their last beer. Total daily pay package: 19 euros (about \$28), in beer, tobacco, a meal and 10 euros cash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hollande scandal. French president's alleged lover suing gossip magazine

The actress suspected of having an affair with French President Francois Hollande has filed a lawsuit against a gossip magazine for alleged invasion of privacy over its report.

A representative of Closer magazine says the publication received legal documents Thursday from Julie Gayet and her lawyers. The lawsuit seeks 54,000 euros (about \$80,000) in damages and other fees, plus the publication of a summary of any judicial ruling on its front page.

Hollande has said his "indignation is total" about the report, but stopped short of saying whether he'd sue.

Rumours have long circulated that Hollande might have a lover. The magazine Closer published images Friday showing his bodyguard and a helmeted man it says is Hollande visiting what it says is the apartment of the actress.

Hollande has been living with Valerie Trierweiler, a



French actress Julie Gayet
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journalist, since he split with the mother of his four children in 2007. They are not married.

Trierweiler is widely viewed as the reason that Hollande split from longtime partner Segolene Royal. The political couple formally separated just after Royal lost her bid for the presidency in 2007, but it later emerged that Hollande had been having an affair with Trierweiler during the campaign. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. hotels. Death spurs probe into 911 dialling

A Texas grandfather's initiative to allow hotel guests to dial 911 without having to press 9 first — spurred by his granddaughter's inability to call for help when her mother was stabbed to death — has prompted a U.S. federal official to reach out to major hotels.

The story of Hank Hunt and his nine-year-old granddaughter motivated Federal Communications Commission member Ajit Pai to send letters to 10 American hotel chains, asking whether guests dialling 911 are directly connected to an emergency call centre or a hotel employee. The letters also ask for the number of hotels in which someone dialling just 911 would not complete the call, and what plan the chain had to resolve that issue.

The letter from Pai requests a response by Feb. 14, though hotels are not required to respond.

Pai told The Associated Press that the Hunt family's situation was "horrific" and he wanted to know more

Background

- Kari Dunn had taken her three children to visit her estranged husband at an inn in Marshall, Texas, the night in December when she was killed.
- Authorities say Brad Dunn dragged her into a bathroom and stabbed her to death.
- Her daughter tried to dial 911 four times, but didn't know to press 9 first and got no response. A guest in a nearby room eventually called for help.

about the scope of the potential problem before recommending action.

"If it's a 90 per cent problem as opposed to a five per cent, obviously the contours of the problem will look very different and the nature of the solution will look very different," Pai said Wednesday.

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Prolonged execution for condemned killer

Ohio. Untested drug combo takes more than 15 minutes to do its job after lethal injection

A condemned killer appeared to gasp several times and took more than 15 minutes to die Thursday as he was executed with a combination of drugs never before tried in the U.S.

Dennis McGuire was still for almost five minutes, then emitted a loud snort, as if snoring, and continued to make that sound over the next several minutes. He opened and shut his mouth several times without making a sound as his stomach rose and fell.

"Oh my God," his daughter, Amber McGuire, said as she observed her father's final moments in Lucasville, Ohio. His adult children



Dennis McGuire

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sobbed in a witness room as they watched him die.

In trying to stop his execution, McGuire's lawyers had argued that he was at substantial risk of a medical phenomenon known as air hunger, which would cause him to experience terror as

he strains to catch his breath.

McGuire, 53, was sentenced to die for the 1989 rape and fatal stabbing of a young pregnant woman, Joy Stewart. He acknowledged that he was responsible in a letter to Gov. John Kasich last month.

The never-tried lethal injection method was adopted after the maker of the state's previous drug put it off limits for capital punishment.

Some states that still carry out executions have struggled to find drug supplies for lethal injections after companies refused to supply the drugs for that purpose.

Federal public defender Allen Bohnert called McGuire's death "a failed, agonizing experiment by the state of Ohio."

Executions with the former method were typically much shorter and did not cause the kind of sounds Mc-

Guire uttered.

The execution is certain to launch a new round of federal lawsuits over Ohio's injection procedure. The state has five more executions scheduled this year, with the next one to come on Feb. 19.

Ohio officials used intravenous doses of two drugs, the sedative midazolam and the painkiller hydromorphone, to put McGuire to death.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a last-minute request to delay his execution after his legal team argued that a jury never got to hear the full extent of his chaotic and abusive childhood.

"We have forgiven him, but that does not negate the need for him to pay for his actions," said a statement released by Carol Avery, Stewart's sister, after McGuire's death.

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At-risk turtles overwhelming sanctuary

A green turtle is seen at the bottom of the sea in the waters off Derawan Island, East Kalimantan, Indonesia. Green sea turtles remain a rare sight in many parts of the world, but the Indonesian island tasked with protecting them is now being overrun by far too many. New research suggests that the gentle endangered creatures are crowding into a marine reserve in numbers never recorded anywhere, gobbling seagrass to the point that they risk destroying the food source that's vital to their survival. MARJOLIJN CHRISTIANEN/UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court agrees to hear right-to-die appeal

Assisted suicide.

Proponents argue the law is outdated and society's view of the issue has changed

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to review the country's assisted-suicide laws more than two decades after it re-

jected doctor-assisted dying for people who are terminally ill.

The high court announced Thursday it will hear an appeal in a case that briefly overturned the ban on assisted suicide and offered a B.C. woman a constitutional exemption to get help in ending her life.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association, which has argued on behalf of several ill people who said they wanted to die with

dignity, hailed the decision.

In 2012, Justice Lynn Smith of the B.C. Supreme Court ruled the existing law was unconstitutional but delayed her ruling for a year to allow the federal government to rewrite the statute.

Smith also granted Gloria Taylor an exemption that would have allowed her to seek an assisted death. Taylor was terminally ill with ALS, also

Arguing for the right to die with dignity

"Today we are savouring the knowledge that seriously ill Canadians are going to have the opportunity to make their plea to the court."

Lawyer Grace Pastine, who has argued Kay Carter's case for the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The federal government appealed the B.C. Supreme Court decision, and the B.C. Court of

Appeal overturned the ruling last October, concluding that the 1993 case that upheld the law was binding and that the

lower court didn't have the ability to overturn the decision.

Taylor didn't use the constitutional exemption. She died of an infection in October 2012.

But the family of another woman, 89-year-old Kay Carter who went to Switzerland in January 2010 to end her life, is continuing the court fight with the help of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

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Animal cruelty. Group investigating after cat muzzled, starved to death

The Calgary Humane Society is investigating after a cat was found muzzled and starved to death Thursday just metres from where a dog was found dead in much the same manner.

The society said it found an emaciated female husky on Jan. 9 with tape over its muzzle, just like the cat.

The dog investigation prompted a local veterinary company to offer up a \$5,000 reward for information leading to conviction in the case.

"Everybody who has a pet in Calgary is now at risk — that's the scary part," said Greg Hasbitt, president of Vets To Go, which is offering the reward.

Brad Nichols, the humane society's manager of cruelty investigations, said the penalties for such an act, if deemed intentional, could include counts of animal neglect and cruelty and carry a sentence of up to five years in prison and a maximum \$20,000 fine.

METRO IN CALGARY



Canadians face trafficking charges in the Philippines

Arrested Canadian nationals James Clayton Riach, right, and Ali Memar Mortazavi Shirazi wait for their inquest proceeding at the Department of Justice in Manila, Philippines, on Thursday. The Anti-Organized and Transnational Crime Division of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said four Canadians, including Riach and Shirazi, were arrested Wednesday for allegedly trafficking illegal drugs from Mexico. The suspects are allegedly linked to a Mexican cartel and undercutting Chinese traffickers dominating the local market, which could trigger a drug war, NBI said. BULLITT MARQUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vatican grilled by UN on child sex abuse scandal

'The Holy See gets it.'

Church's former sex crimes prosecutor says there are 'things that need to be done differently'

The Vatican came under blistering criticism from a UN committee Thursday for its handling of the global priest sex-abuse scandal, facing its most intense public grilling to date over allegations that it protected pedophile priests at the expense of victims.

The Vatican insisted it had little jurisdiction to sanction pedophile priests around the globe, saying it was for local law enforcement to do so. But officials conceded that more needs to be done and promised to build on progress already made to become a



Roman Catholic official Monsignor Charles Scicluna waits Thursday in Geneva for the start of questioning at the UN. MARTIAL TREZZINI/KEystone/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

model for others, given the scale of the problem and the role the Holy See plays in the international community.

"The Holy See gets it," Monsignor Charles Scicluna, the Vatican's former sex crimes prosecutor, told the

committee. "There are certain things that need to be done differently." He was responding to the UN commit-

tee over the Holy See's failure to abide by terms of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Britain, U.S., Australia

Live webcam child abuse ring busted

Child abuse investigators in the U.S., Britain and Australia have dismantled an organized crime group that streamed live webcam footage of child sexual abuse from the Philippines for paying viewers around the world.

An international investigation broke up the ring, which abused impoverished children as young as six, Britain's National Crime Agency said. Authorities made 29 arrests, including 11 people in the Philippines who had facilitated the crime, including members of the children's families.

Police describe the use of webcams to stream live child abuse — especially from developing countries — as a "significant and emerging threat."

The investigation began in 2012 after a routine police visit to a registered sex offender in Britain. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Workers swept off roof at Sochi venue

SOCOG staff members dig in the snow on Thursday after six workers were swept off a roof at the bobsleigh centre in Sochi, Russia, when the snow they were clearing slid to the ground. Associated Press technicians who saw the fall said one man appeared to have injured a leg and was taken away on a stretcher, while others sustained minor injuries. The men were clearing snow at the Sanki Sliding Center, venue for the bobsled and luge events. JOE PAYNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supplies allowed to enter front lines near Syrian capital

Goodwill gesture?
Government's decision may be related to upcoming peace talks

The Syrian government allowed supplies to enter two contested front-line areas near the capital, a relief official said Thursday. Activists said the death toll from two weeks of infighting in the north between rebel forces and an al-Qaida-linked group climbed to more than 1,000 people.

The head of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, Khaled Iriqsousi, told The Associated Press that enough supplies to feed 10,000 people for a month entered the Damascus suburbs of al-Ghezlaniya and Jdaidet al-Shibani

on Thursday. The areas are east and west of the capital of a region known as Ghouta.

The government's decision to permit the supplies to enter appeared to be a goodwill gesture on its part as well as an attempt to present itself as a responsible partner ahead of a peace conference scheduled to open next week in Switzerland. It was not clear whether the move was part of arrangement agreed to by Damascus and the main Western-backed opposition group, the Syrian National Coalition, to allow humanitarian aid into some blocked-off areas.

That agreement was announced Tuesday in Paris by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who together are working to ease the strife in Syria. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Urgent need

The head of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, Khaled Iriqsousi, said 30 trucks carrying 2,000 boxes of food entered the two areas without incident. He said each box is about 40 kilograms, and includes items like rice, lentils, baby formula, blankets and detergents.

- One of the areas hardest hit by food shortages in Syria is the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk, where residents say 46 people have died since October of starvation, illnesses exacerbated by hunger or because they couldn't obtain medical aid.



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Chavez's legacy lives on in survival of rare dog breed

Mucuchies. Venezuela's former president saved breed, connected to his hero, from extinction

The Soviets made space dog Laika a national hero, and Americans have fallen for presidential pets from Checkers to Bo. In Venezuela, a rare breed of shaggy sheepdog has come to symbolize the legacy of the late Hugo Chavez.

Venezuela's former president rescued the mucuchies, named for the Andean town where the breed originated 400 years ago, from near-extinction in 2008 by providing funding to breed the remaining 23 purebreds, and he used to delight in recalling how one named Nevado fought at the side of his idol, 19th century independence hero Simon Bolivar.

"Every time Chavez hosted a foreign leader the president's office would

call me up and make sure I brought the dogs," said Walter Demendoza, president of the Nevado Foundation, which works to rescue the breed. "He wanted the dog to be known around the world as a symbol of our country."

Chavez died from cancer last March, but interest in the dog surged after ally Argentine President Cristina Fernandez reappeared in public in November after surgery doting on a fluffy pup given to her by Chavez's brother.

Overnight the dog Simon, named after Bolivar, became a social-media sensation. This month, Chavez's successor, Nicolas Maduro, named a government campaign to rescue street dogs in honour of the The Liberator's best friend.

Thanks to Chavez's efforts, there are now almost 200 purebred mucuchies, and the dog is on its way to joining the group of 343 breeds officially recognized by the World Canine Organization.

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In this 2003 photo, President Hugo Chavez holds a mucuchies pup during his show Hello President in Mucuchies, Venezuela. MIRAFLORES PRESS OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Netanyahu deflects critics over Jewish settlements



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insists that continued building was "part of the deal" when talks resumed. OLIVIER FITOUSSI/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday dismissed international critics of Jewish settlements, calling them hypocrites and saying claims that the construction on occupied lands poses an obstacle to peace were "bogus."

Israelis and Palestinians began peace talks in July after years of stalemate, and the Israeli government has come under heavy criticism for continuing its construction plans throughout talks.

But Netanyahu insisted continued construction in

existing settlements was "part of the deal" when talks began and questioned the motives of those who were outraged now.

While the Palestinians dropped a long-standing demand that Israel halt all construction when peace talks resumed, they say they received assurances that Israel would show restraint.

Since then, Israel has approved plans, most recently last week, to build thousands of new settler homes.

In his comments, Netanyahu took specific aim at the

European Union, which has been outspoken in its criticism. On Thursday, several EU countries, including Britain, France and Italy, informed Israel they were summoning local Israeli ambassadors to protest the building, Israel's Foreign Ministry said.

Netanyahu questioned why the EU protested the construction of "a few houses," but did not summon Palestinian diplomats over Palestinian misdeeds.

"When did the EU call in the Palestinian ambassadors to complain about the incite-

Popular opinion

The Palestinians and the international community view the settlements as illegal or illegitimate.

- U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry recently said the construction raises questions about Israel's commitment to peace.

ment that calls for Israel's destruction?" he said.

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Price crash

Corn losing its golden lustre

Farmers spent the last few years planting as much corn as they could, but with its price half what it was a couple years ago, many growers are considering a shift back to soybeans.

A December survey of more than 1,600 producers

indicated farmers intend to reduce corn planting to 92 million acres, a 3 per cent reduction from last year, and boost soybeans about 7.6 per cent to 82.3 million acres. That would be a soybean acres record.

Farmers have been planting more corn recently because prices grew alongside the ethanol production boom.

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Over the next six weeks, farmers will monitor price swings and choose what to plant. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

Israel

Anti-corruption chief accused of corruption

Israel's Justice Ministry said Thursday it is looking into claims that the head of the nation's elite anti-corruption police unit received bribes from the associates of a multimillionaire rabbi.

In a statement, the Justice Ministry said Israel's attorney general and state prosecutor received information in recent weeks that officer Menashe Arviv and his family received "benefits" from associates of Rabbi Yoshiyahu Yosef Pinto, considered one of Israel's wealthiest rabbis with congregations and charities in the U.S. and Israel.

Arviv denies wrongdoing

and has taken temporarily leave of his position, said Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld.

Arviv heads the Lahav 433 unit, which investigates national and international crimes and corruption. He recently served as Israel's police representative in the U.S., co-ordinating with American security organizations on investigations.

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Record labels are still not big fans of Spotify. Do you have sympathy for them?

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YouTube content boss Robert Kyncl's vision of his site is a talent factory for ordin-

Passionate exec

"I love music, and that's the reason I started Spotify."

any people. Do you want Spotify to go in the same direction?

We don't want to become creators of music. Record labels are great partners, and by the way, artists can also upload music to Spotify on their own. What we're

focusing on is getting more music uploaded so that more people can enjoy it.

One of your staff members put an unknown singer named Lorde on Spotify's playlist, turning her an instant star. Do you want to formalize this process of Spotify as a kingmaker?

Yes, we want to help artists, but we don't want to be kingmakers. What we're about is democratizing the music industry so that your friends are your kingmakers.

Where will the money come from (to run Spotify)? At the end of the day, all these users just want things for free...

I think customers will pay for quality. People are willing to pay more for an Apple product because they perceive it as being higher quality. And look at news media. You can get news for free, but even so I subscribe to the Wall Street Journal because they provide depth and analysis that I think it's worth paying for. **METRO**

In NYC. The Super Bowl is about throwing the pigskin and pigging out

The Super Bowl won't touch down in New Jersey until next month, but the New York restaurant scene already is rolling out the turf carpet.

The city with the endless appetite for great food is going all out for the big game, mounting a culinary spectacle in keeping with the over-the-top nature of the event.

Exhibit A — The 50 Yard Lounge. At the intersection of Madison Square Garden and Penn Station, the 50 Yard Lounge will offer what amounts to a five-day food

and wine festival with athletes. Heated roof decks, tented plazas and restaurants will showcase themed menus from top New York chefs while current and former NFL players mingle with diners.

In some of the many chef-and-athlete demonstrations, Michelin-starred chef Michael White will teach Football Hall of Famer Cris Carter to make pasta. And celebrity butcher Pat LaFrieda will show three-time Super Bowl champion Matt Light how to break down meat.

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A Buffalo chicken taquito is dipped in blue cheese dressing at Taquitoria in New York City. Most of their business will be takeout on game day. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rockin' in the free world?

Young's criticism of oilsands criticized

Amid his aboriginal fundraising tour, rocker Neil Young is facing criticism over his comments that compared the oilsands to Hiroshima.

Before the legendary musician's concert in Winnipeg Thursday, Federal Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver called Young's remarks insulting and Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall called the remarks ignorant.

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STOP ME IF YOU THINK THAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS ONE BEFORE

It's a brand new year. But for those of you who think we're getting off to a fresh start, a clean slate and all that, this week's Metro List should disabuse you of that notion. Talk about déjà vu all over again:

1 Meryl Streep gets nominated for an Oscar. Get out! It makes the 18th time the World's Greatest Actor (registered trademark) is nominated for an acting Academy Award. They should retire her category or something. Sorry, no more best actress category. It's now the Meryl Streep wannabe category. And the winner is... Jennifer Lawrence, who's already been nominated three times, has one Oscar and is still only 23.

2 Overweight politician vows to stick it to his enemies. No, it's not Rob Ford, but New Jersey Governor Chris Christie doing his best Rob Ford imitation, denying he had anything to do with shutting down traffic on a busy com-



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muter bridge out of spite, and complaining that his enemies are on a political vendetta. Speaking of political, Christie's final Imitation of Ford is to stand in the smoking crater of his career and believe he can get his ample bottom elected something other than dog catcher.

3 French president has affair. Francoise Hollande is having an affair with actress Julie Gayet. The only difference between this affair and those of former presidents such as Nicolas Sarkozy (who left his wife for supermodel Carla Bruni) François Mitterrand (who kept a second family), and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, etc. is, er, nothing. Power is an aphrodisiac that transforms even the least favoured chef d'État. Oo-la-la. I've always wanted to write that.

4 Rock star sticks his nose into Canadian environmental controversy. Sir Paul McCartney took a moment with the baby

seals in Newfoundland, posing with several admiring mammals on a convenient ice floe. Now Neil Young has decided to follow Macca's lead and has inserted himself into the national debate over the oilsands, the Keystone Gateway pipeline, and whatever. This is really nothing new for the iconic rock star, who's been protesting since he first picked up his guitar. Remember, he's the guy who inspired Sweet Home Alabama. Maybe somebody will write a rockin' song defending the oilsands. Maybe not.

5 Royal couple visits Canada. Charles and Camilla, that is. Like relatives who just can't stay away, The Prince of Wales and his Duchess will enjoy the nation's hospitality for four (more) days in May, visiting New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan, you lucky guys. They were just here in 2012. Governor General David Johnston made the announcement, adding, by way of discreet understatement, "Sharon and I are looking forward to seeing them once again, as they spend some time here in Canada." It is Charles' 17th visit, Camilla's third, so she has a lot of catching up to do.

ZOOM

'Pseudoscience' 'paints' 'a' 'picture'



COURTESY MICHAEL MAPES/ROOM62.COM

Portraits revived from 'specimens'

An artist has created collaged replicas of famous paintings using hundreds of tiny photographs, gelatin capsules, vials, sequins and insect pins.

Michael Mapes, from New York state, painstakingly put together the "artificial specimens" to reimagine works by Dutch masters Rembrandt and Nicolaes Elias Pickenoy. **METRO**

'Pseudoscience' at centre of artwork

By collecting and compartmentalizing dissected photos and contrived specimens, Mapes toys with the notion of a "pseudoscientific" approach to creating art.

The 51-year-old explains to Metro that "this pseudoscientific metaphor serves as a kind of lens through which my artistic expression can be experienced in a complex and unique way." **METRO**

By the numbers

6,000

insect pins are used to create Mapes's unique portraits.

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Zuckerberg and co. are treading even closer to Twitter's toes this week with the addition of a Facebook trending bar. Personalized topics are gathered based on FB trends along with you and your pals' apparent likes/dislikes. Here's what you might want to know:

Ads: Unlike Twitter, FB spokespeople say trending topics can't be sponsored or promoted... for now.

One liners: Trending topics include a one-liner about the topic, giving a bit more context than the one-word trends of Twitter.



Private vs. public:

While most people's Twitter feeds are public, FB users seem to keep their profiles on strict lockdown, which gives Twitter a leg up in figuring out what you're actually into. This means trends might be more closely linked to celebs and news outlets' likes and dislikes.

Comments

RE: Citizenship Changes Emphasize 'Speak White Ideology' Report Finds, published online January 16

Having been through the citizenship process recently, I have to disagree with most of this think tank's findings.

The claim that applicants are tested on "economic self-sufficiency" is completely false. Moreover, barriers to citizenship are low, with only 3.6 per cent of citizenship applicants ultimately rejected. The most common reason for rejecting applicants is that they didn't live in Canada for

the required three years.

The history section includes a lot about the waves of immigration that have shaped Canada, emphasizing the positive contribution of multiculturalism, pluralism, diversity and mutual respect. The overwhelming majority of applicants in my test session were non-white, and that seems to be quite normal.

The only reasonable point that the think tank makes relates to the processing delays. My application took 27 months, almost all of which involved my case file sitting in a pile waiting for someone to look at it. **Daniel Hasset, posted to metronews.ca**

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Synopsis

Ex-Marine Jack Ryan is back on screen after a 12-year break, but this time he looks like Captain Kirk. As played by Chris Pine (taking over from Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck), CIA field agent Ryan discovers evidence of an upcoming terrorist attack. Leaving his suspicious girlfriend (Kiera Knightley) behind, he is sent to Moscow to continue the investigation by Intelligence boss Agent Harper (Kevin Costner). Dodging bullets and bad guys, he encounters Viktor Cherevin (Kenneth Branagh), an evil businessman with a plot to destabilize the global economy. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

• Richard: ●●●●

• Steve: ●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit. Chris Pine and a dull dialogue sink this Jack Ryan installment

Richard: Steve, Shadow Recruit is nothing fancy... and it's also nothing Clancy. As the first of the Ryan movies not based on a Tom Clancy novel, it feels quite generic. There is the usual intrigue and a couple of tense scenes, but what the movie doesn't have is the ear for dialogue of the other Ryan films. When you have a senior CIA agent muttering the line, "This is geopolitics, not couple's therapy," it's hard to know whether this is a satire of spy films or just badly written.

Steve: It certainly wasn't inspired writing, that's for sure. I get the feeling the genesis of this film came straight from a money-angling producer who somehow decided reviving a 12-year-old movie character like Jack Ryan would make better business sense than creative endeavour. The problem is, even if you look at the previous incarnations of the CIA operative — he's pretty indistinct. He's no James Bond. And vanilla Chris Pine doesn't add much to that blandness.

RC: True, but I really think that this is a case of a director with no affinity for the material. It's almost as if the movie was pieced together by people who had seen a lot of spy movies, but didn't really understand them. Add to that action scenes

so frenetically edited it's often hard to see who is punching who through the flashes of light on the screen. A little clarity in those sequences would have gone a long way to make up for the ridiculous dialogue and underdeveloped characters.

SG: Absolutely. I had a hard time making sense of the action sequences since they were filmed with shaky handheld cameras in what seemed to be extreme close-up. Perhaps filmmaker Kenneth Branagh was focusing less on direction and more on playing the Russian antagonist in the film, which he does effectively enough in spite of the formulaic dialogue. Keira Knightley too, in the pretty unremarkable role of Ryan's unwitting operative wife, is fine

— although I'm not sure what her attraction to the part was.

RC: Knightley was fine, but I thought Branagh played Cherevin with all the nuance of a Bond villain. He's ruthless, flamboyantly accented and super smart. Smart enough to bring down the global economy but not smart enough, apparently, to see through Chris Pine's terrible drunk act near the climax of the film.

Steve: True enough. And that probably exemplifies this film's biggest flaw. As much as the action is set at the pace of an over-caffeinated ferret, this thriller is pretty much boilerplate material with any subtle intricacies simplified for the sake of the neatly-capped plot. In the end, it's a pretty plain spy flick.



Squeaky clean Chris Pine doesn't add much to an already-bland Jack Ryan tale. CONTRIBUTED

Pretty dry for a film spy

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American Hustle snagged 10 Oscar nominations on Thursday. CONTRIBUTED

Academy Awards.
American Hustle,
Gravity get most
nom love from Oscar



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Metro World News in Hollywood

The Academy announced its nominations for the 2014 Oscars Thursday morning, with David O. Russell's *American Hustle* and Alfonso Cuarón's *Gravity* tying for the most nominations, earning 10 each, while Steve McQueen's *12 Years a Slave* was right behind with nine. It's an incredibly crowded year, with nine films up for best picture, so voting for the final awards could go almost anyway, but we're predicting that the Hollywood Foreign Press got things almost exactly right with their major winners at the Golden Globes. We'll find out for sure on March 2.

Metro's predictions

Best picture: *12 Years a Slave*

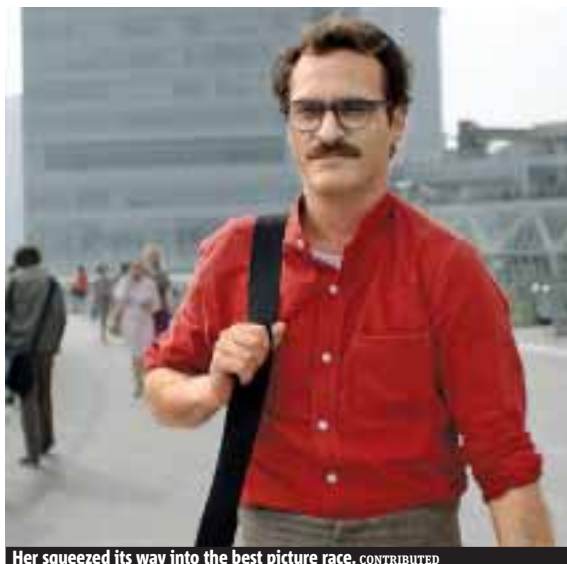
Best actor: Matthew McConaughey, *Dallas Buyers Club*

Best actress: Cate Blanchett, *Blue Jasmine*

Best supporting actor: Jared Leto, *Dallas Buyers Club*

Best supporting actress: Lupita Nyong'o, *12 Years a Slave*

Best director: Alfonso Cuarón, *Gravity*



Her squeezed its way into the best picture race. CONTRIBUTED

Biggest winners

American Hustle has the biggest profile in the most major categories, making it the best contender for a sweep — though that seems incredibly unlikely this year. And Judi Dench has to be pleased to make it into the Best Actress race for underdog *Philomena*.

Biggest losers

Certain films didn't seem to connect at all with the Academy, the most surprising being the Coen Brothers' *Inside Llewyn Davis*, which only earned two nods, for cinematography and sound mixing. And *Saving Mr. Banks*, which had been considered a contender for nominations at least for Emma Thompson and Tom Hanks, will have to make due with a best original score nod. But the biggest snub seems to be

for Lee Daniels' *The Butler*, which wasn't nominated for a single award. Sorry, Oprah.

Biggest surprises

It's definitely a treat to see Spike Jonze's quiet and fantastic *Her* squeeze its way into the best picture race, as well as *Philomena*, though neither film has that great a chance of winning the top prize. Hopefully the Academy, like the HFPA earlier this week, will award Jonze for best original screenplay as a consolation. And not seeing Academy favorite Tom Hanks nominated for anything despite well-received roles in *Captain Phillips* and *Saving Mr. Banks* is certainly a surprise, though apparently the Academy needed to make room for Jonah Hill, whom they seem to really like.

Biography



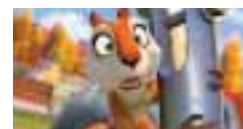
The Wagner Files

Director. Ralph Pleger

Stars. Samuel Finzi, Pegah Ferydoni

A truly unusual fusion of biographical and experimental moviemaking, *The Wagner Files* reconstructs the life of the legendary German composer through a series of stylized vignettes. The playfully severe, mock-investigative-report format is only semi-successful in breaking up the monotony of so much straightforward historical information, while animated segments strive to visualize images already made vivid by Wagner's music. Still, Ralph Pleger's lovingly assembled production is a genuine curiosity. **ADAM NAYMAN**

Family/Animated



The Nut Job

Director. Peter Lepeniotis

Stars. Will Arnett, Katherine Heigl

Paralleling the frenetic pace of its rodent star, *The Nut Job* certainly packs a lot of energy — even if the tale's slightly familiar. Based on his own short feature, Peter Lepeniotis's *The Nut Job* expands the story of a self-indulgent squirrel plotting the heist of a nut shop that hides its own conniving criminals. The comedy's cuddly forest creatures should surely win over the youngsters but an overactive storyline laced with predictable puns make *The Nut Job* mostly forgettable. **STEVE GOW**

Comedy



Ride Along

Director. Tim Story

Stars. Ice Cube, Kevin Hart

Short, screechy Ben (Hart) wants to marry the sister of tough, lone-wolf police officer, James (Ice Cube). But to do so, he has to prove himself to James by riding along with him on the job. Mild amusement ensues while Ben tries to win some respect and help bag a bad guy. There's nothing particularly new, exciting or even that funny about *Ride Along* — and a film this formulaic really can't afford to be this dull. **REGAN REID**

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Girl, Boy, Bakla, Tomboy (PG) Fri 7:9-45 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:05-7:9-45 Mon-Tue 5:35-8:15 Wed 1:50-5:35-8:15 Thu 5:35-8:15

Her (14A) Fri 6:55-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:45-7:50 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:30

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri 6:45-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:30-6:45-10:05 Mon-Tue 7:30 Wed 1:45-7:30 Thu 7:30
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Sat-Sun 12:20

Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (14A) Fri 7:50-10:15 Sat-Sun 3:25-5:30-7:50-10:15 Mon-Tue 5:45-7:50 Wed 1:35-5:45-7:50 Thu 5:45-7:50

Saving Mr. Banks (G) Fri-Sun 10:20 Mon-Thu 7:55
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I, Frankenstein 3D (PG) Thu 10
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG) No Passes Fri 5:20-7:55-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-2:35-5:20-7:55-10:30 No Passes

Galaxy Cinemas Saskatoon 347 2nd Ave. South

American Hustle (14A) Fri 4-7:15-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu



August: Osage County. HANDOUT

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Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG) Fri 5:05-7:50-10:45 Sat-Sun 2:15-5:05-7:50-10:45 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10

August: Osage County (14A) Fri 4:10-7:05-10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 7:05-10

Bolshoi Ballet: Jewels (STC) Sun 12:55
Devil's Due (14A) No Passes Fri 6:10-8:30-10:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 8:05-10:20

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The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri 4:45-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:45-8:45 Mon-Thu 8:15

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Dallas Buyers Club (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 3:30-9:30 Mon-Wed 9:30
Nebraska (PG) Fri 9:15 Sat-Sun 3:15-9:15 Mon-Thu 9:15
Philomena (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:10-7 Mon-Wed 7

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The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Wed 1:05-4:6:55-9:40 Thu 4:6:55-9:40 Thu 1
Captain Phillips (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:50-9:45
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri-Thu 2-4:25-7:30
Delivery Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-7:25
Ender's Game (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-7:20
Gravity (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:30
Grudge Match (PG) Fri-Thu 7:25-9:55
Homefront (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50
Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (14A) Fri-Thu 4:50-10
Last Vegas (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:35-7:05-9:35
Walking With Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40

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How I Met Your Mother finale will 'tie it all together' for fans



In this memorable episode Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) and Abby (guest star Britney Spears) realize that they have one thing in common — their mutual hatred of Ted (Josh Radnor) — so the "couple" decides to go to the bar to flaunt their new relationship in Ted's face. BOTH IMAGES CONTRIBUTED

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Ending in March. Cast of long-running sitcom is already emotional — and eyeing up props to take as souvenirs

Cristin Milioti was the first to tear up. "I don't know why I'm crying, I have no right to cry," she said when asked about the relationships she had developed on *How I Met Your Mother* as the newest cast member.

"These guys had been together for nine years, so it was very scary about how I would be accepted, but it couldn't have been more wonderful."

Milioti was cast as the mother at the end of season eight. But her tenure will end in weeks. In its ninth and final season, *How I Met Your Mother* airs its grand finale March 31.

And there will be plenty more tears among cast and crew as the long-running show winds down.

"It's been the nicest place to come for nine years," said Jason Segel (Marshall Eriksen), sitting on the set that serves as the living room for the apartment he shares with wife Lily (Alyson Hannigan).

"This is the longest time I've spent with people outside my own family. You watch people go through some serious life stuff."

Said co-creator Craig Thomas: "It's surreal that the end is coming. I think it's only

Bonding

"It's been the nicest place to come for nine years. This is the longest time I've spent with people outside my own family. You watch people go through some serious life stuff."

Jason Segel, who plays Marshall Eriksen, on what it's been like spending nearly a decade working on one show

really going to hit us when it's really over."

The show premiered on CBS in 2005, detailing the lives of friends in Manhattan.

It revolves around Ted Mosby (played by Josh Radnor) narrating to his children through a series of flashbacks about how he met their mother.

Co-creator Carter Bays says the final episodes will "tie it all together in a package" for fans.

"We will also fill in the eight years in the life of the mother. There are a lot of fun intersections in her life and our gang, so we'll see more of her and learn more about her," said Thomas.

Neil Patrick Harris (Barney Stinson) says the ending is "More complicated than you would assume."

Meanwhile, the toughest battle seems to be who claims dibs on the props when the show wraps up.

"It's been a touchy subject. (Co-creator) Carter is taking everything," said Hannigan. "He's like taking an entire wall of the set."

Bays said he didn't think he'd be emotional about the

props. But with the show winding down, he's been getting needy.

"You say you don't need it. And then you start thinking you do need some stuff," said Bays.

With the end in sight, the show has already hit some speed bumps, most recently with an episode that featured a homage to kung fu movies where Segel's character Marshall travels to China to meet with three characters out of a kung fu movie played by Radnor, Cobie Smulders (Robin Scherbatsky) and Hannigan.

The cast members' accents and makeup sparked a firestorm on Twitter for what some perceived as racist overtones. Bays and Thomas responded with an apology, saying: "We're deeply sorry, and we're grateful to everyone who spoke up to make us aware of it. We try to make a show that's universal, that anyone can watch and enjoy. We fell short of that this week and feel terrible about it. To everyone we offended, I hope we can regain your friendship and end this series on a note of goodwill."

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All good things come to an end: The show's leading men from left, Josh Radnor, Neil Patrick Harris and Jason Segel.



Drake Bell ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Bell's anti-Justin tweets chime online as Beliebers battle back

Apparently Drake Bell didn't learn his lesson the last time he started taunting Justin Bieber online, as the former Disney star is at it again, taking to Twitter to blast Bieber after his house was raided and his pal, Lil Za, was arrested for drug possession. "How much are you paying Lil Za to take the coke (rap) for you? Be a man and take responsibility. Learn to be an adult," Bell tweeted. He also called Bieber "talentless," prompting Bieber's friends and fans to strike back in defense, finding Bell's alleged phone number and address and posting it online.



Michelle Obama

Nothing plastic about Michelle's women's lib message on her 50th

Michelle Obama turns 50 today, so People magazine asked her about plastic surgery. While the First Lady hasn't had any work done — and doesn't have plans for any — she's not taking the option off the table. "Women should have the freedom to do whatever they need to do to feel good about themselves," she says. "Right now, I don't imagine that I would go that route, but I've also learned to never say never."



Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom

Orlando and Miranda's Bloom-ing friendship is the perfect break-up story

And the award for friendliest breakup goes to ... Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom. The pair called it quits last year and share custody of three-year-old son Flynn, and they've been spotted out and about being chummy plenty since the separation

was announced. They even hit up the same Golden Globes after-party together last weekend. "We're good friends despite being separated," Kerr tells People magazine. "And we want the best for each other."



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My knee jerk — Paul Greengrass snubbed. Beautifully directed Captain Phillips. & No Tom Hanks — don't get me started. Congrats 2 nominees.



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The #Oscars theme is movie heroes! Glad they specified the "movie" part. First I thought it was about sandwiches. That'd also be a good one.



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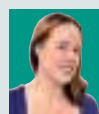
"My movie's set in that strange 20 minute window of time when the moon and sun are both up at the same time, and everyone becomes murderers"

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Benedict's sex appeal a mystery to Sherlock producers



THE WORD

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Are you surprised Benedict Cumberbatch is the hunk that Tumblr says he is? So are the producers of Sherlock, who hired him.

Sherlock showrunner Steven Moffat and producer Sue Vertue, who cast the thespian in the role, didn't believe he could be regarded as, well, sexy.

"When we first cast him, people were saying, 'You promised us a sexy one!'"



remembers Vertue as part of this week's Entertainment Weekly cover story. "People weren't thinking of Benedict in that light at all."

His name also didn't help. "When people said, 'Who's

playing Sherlock Holmes?' and we'd say, 'Benedict Cumberbatch,' everyone looked very vague," recalls Vertue. "Then we'd always have to spell his name."

Everyone had their doubts before the first episode aired. "For me, it is a winter show," says Cumberbatch. "It's not something you watch when you've got the dying light on the hottest day. So I was a bit despondent," he recalls.

But after the debut — and when he saw how quickly social media latched onto the BBC drama — Cumberbatch realized his life was going to change forever. "The immediate response was exciting," he says. "My name: trending, trending, trending. I didn't even know what 'trending' was before that night."

"After the first episode," added Vertue, "we never had to spell his name."

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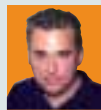
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Liquid Assets

Grape stuff by candlelight



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Hunkering down indoors with family, food and a few bottles of wine has become a winter tradition in Canada.

While power outages may put a damper on your culinary ambitions, you can still explore new grape varieties by candlelight.

Spain's eclectic collection of berries is mostly indigenous. Though some aren't that easy to warm up to, garnacha (or grenache as it's known in France) meets most palates in the middle.

With a ripe, rounded fruit expression and, depending on the age of the vines, a bright, naturally berry sweet flavour, Spanish garnacha is a true bridge between the old and new wine worlds.

I predicted its 2014 popularity in a column earlier this month, and if you need confirmation, fill your mouth with Bodegas San Alejandro's 2010 Las Rocas Garnacha (\$14.99 - \$19.90).

Made in the Calatayud region in the province of Zaragoza's southwestern corner, its soothing, black-fruited body cruises to a finish of dark spice, tannin and subtle oak. Try with seasonal dishes like stew and meaty chili — if you have electricity.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.



TOTAL TIME
30 MINUTES

This recipe makes 12 rolls. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Take fresh spring rolls in a fowl direction

Appetizer. Typically made with shrimp and vegetables, this version adds chicken

When paired with crunchy jicama, carrots and cucumber, the chicken shines as a spring roll filling.

1. Dipping sauce: In bowl stir together peanut butter, jam, soy sauce and vinegar. Season with hot sauce, then set aside.

2. Place noodles in bowl. Cover with hot water. Soak 5 minutes, or until softened. Drain in mesh strainer; set aside.

Ingredients

Dipping sauce

- 1/4 cup each smooth natural peanut butter and apricot jam
- 2 tbsp each soy sauce and rice or cider vinegar

Hot sauce, to taste

- **Spring rolls**
- 2 oz dried bean or rice thread noodles
- 1/2 English cucumber, peeled and halved lengthwise

- 4-oz peeled jicama root
- 12 large rice-paper wrappers (8-inch round or larger)
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 2 avocados, pitted and thinly sliced
- 1 lb cooked boneless, skinless chicken breast meat, pulled or cut into strips
- 12 large fresh mint leaves

3. Use spoon to scrape out and discard the seeds from cucumber halves. Cut each piece into thin strips. Set aside. Cut jicama into thin slices, then cut each slice into thin matchsticks.

4. Fill bowl (at least several inches larger than the rice wrappers) with warm water. Soak 1 wrapper until just barely softened, 10 seconds. Carefully remove the rice wrapper from the water and lay flat on the

FLASH FOOD



From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

counter. Place a small bundle of noodles along one edge of the wrapper. Top the noodles with a bit each of cucumber, jicama, carrots, avocado and chicken, then top with a mint leaf.

5. Roll the wrapper, starting with the filling side, folding the ends over the fillings as you roll to form a tight cylinder. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and fillings. Serve with the dipping sauce.

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Smith snares new deal



Receiver Taj Smith re-signed with the Roughriders on Thursday.

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CFL. Receiver re-signs with Riders after catching a team-high 78 passes in 2013

Taj Smith is staying put.

The lanky receiver re-signed with the Saskatchewan Roughriders on Thursday. Smith was scheduled to become a free agent on Feb. 15.

Smith, 30, is entering his third season with Saskatchewan. The six-foot-one, 198-pound receiver had a team-high 78 catches for 1,007 yards and seven TDs last year.

"Taj is a pretty big part of what we do, obviously," general manager Brendan Taman told reporters. "He was very committed to being here and (assistant GM Jeremy O'Day) did a lot of great work behind the scenes to get it done."

"One guy off the list and an important guy is a good thing."

Smith had 11 catches for 186 yards in Saskatchewan's two playoff wins before registering one reception for five

yards in the Riders' 45-23 Grey Cup win over Hamilton. Smith has recorded 125 career catches for 1,697 yards and nine touchdowns in 31 regular-season games with Saskatchewan.

Taman still faces a busy off-season as Saskatchewan still has 16 potential free agents, including slotback Weston Dressler, running back Kory Sheets, kicker Chris Milo and punter Ricky Schmitt, who Taman said worked out for the NFL's Buffalo Bills on Thursday. Taman is hopeful he might re-sign one or two before the free-agent deadline.

"We're pretty aggressive to get something done before the 15th," Taman said. "But realistically one or two and that's probably what it's going to be."

Last month, the Riders signed rookie free-agent kicker Brett Cameron, the son of Hall of Fame punter Bob Cameron who attended Winnipeg's training camp last summer. The younger Cameron spent four seasons at the University of North Dakota (2009-12) before signing with the Bombers.

"He (Cameron) is a legit

Quoted

"We can't really control any of that so we'll sit back and see what happens."

Riders GM Brendan Taman, on Weston Dressler's desire to play in the NFL.

Looking south

Kory Sheets and Weston Dressler were key contributors to Saskatchewan's Grey Cup push in 2013 but both have garnered NFL interest since the end of the season. If they sign south of the border, the expectation is neither would be back with the Riders until September, at the earliest.

- Sheets finished second in CFL rushing with 1,598 yards.
- The five-foot-seven, 179-pound Dressler led the Riders with nine TD catches and was second in receptions (70) and yards (1,011).

contender to come in and compete but Ricky will dictate a lot of that," Taman said. "Ricky would like to come back and we're working towards that and hopefully we can get that done before (Feb. 15) but we'll see."

"We've had on-and-off communication with (Milo's) agent, more so from our end. He's very driven to stay here if he can but business is business. I'm sure he'll have an offer to mull over once the 15th hits so we'll see where it goes."

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Ducks proving their might atop standings

By the time the Anaheim Ducks finished with their late Wednesday night, Vancouver had a humiliating 9-1 loss and four players in the dressing room after they tried to start fights out of pure frustration.

It's an awfully tough time to face the NHL's best team, as the beleaguered Canucks will attest once they recover from the thrashing. The Ducks reign atop the league at 36-8-5 after winning 18 of their last 19 games, including eight

straight, during one of the most dominant runs in league history.

It's even tougher to visit Honda Center, where Anaheim has gone 20-0-2 with 10 straight wins to match the NHL's longest season-opening home points streak in 34 years.

"We know we've got a good team," said Regina native and Anaheim captain Ryan Getzlaf. "But we also know we can't stop proving it."

Out in sunny Southern California, thousands of miles away from hockey's traditional spotlights, the Ducks have soared to the best start in their two-decade history — even better than in their Stanley Cup campaign in 2006-07. They've built a 13-point lead in the tough Pacific Division, and they even lead the defending champion Blackhawks by six points heading into their showdown in Chicago on Friday.

With four quality scoring lines led by Getzlaf and Corey Perry in front of a versatile defence and Jonas Hiller's stand-out goaltending, the dynamic Ducks have lost just once since Dec. 3.

"It's pretty amazing what we've done," said 43-year-old Teemu Selanne, who scored two goals against the Canucks. "Everything we do is building the confidence we're going to need down the road."

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NHL

Wild run rampant on lowly Oilers

Jason Pominville had a goal and an assist, Nate Prosser scored for the first time in 68 games, and the Minnesota Wild beat the new-look Edmonton Oilers 4-1 on Thursday night.

Justin Fontaine and Jason Zucker also scored to help the Wild win for the sixth time in eight games and bounce back after getting shutout on Tuesday.

Jordan Eberle scored his 15th goal for the Oilers, who haven't won on the road in their past six tries.

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NBA in England

Nets keep perfect O2 Arena-run alive

The Brooklyn Nets should think about making a move to London. The Nets improved to 3-0 in the British capital with a 127-110 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Australian Open

Pospisil pulls out ahead of Round 3

Canadian Vasek Pospisil withdrew with a back injury Thursday from his scheduled third-round match Friday against No. 8 Stanislas Wawrinka.

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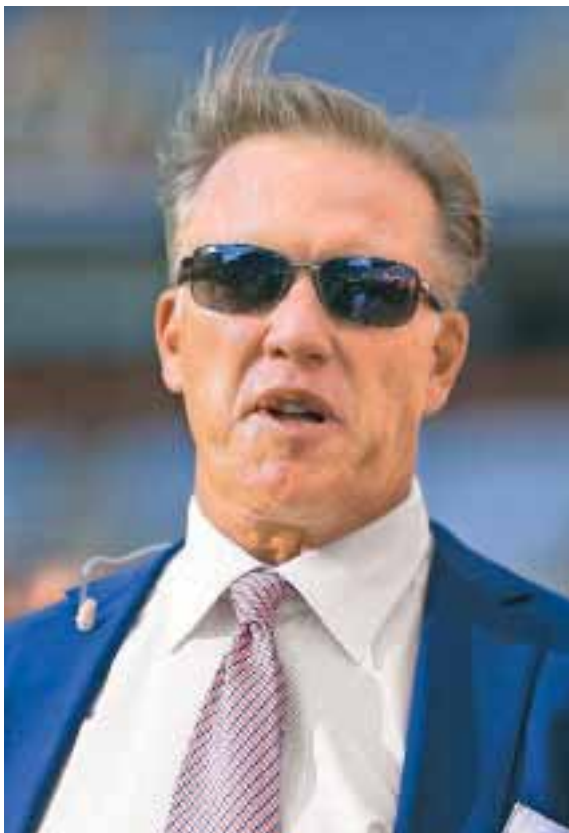
Fighting words



"Everything Georges St-Pierre says is a little kooky."

UFC president Dana White dismissed Georges St-Pierre's concerns about drug testing after Wednesday night's fight card in the Atlanta area.

4 SPORTS



Legendary NFL quarterback and current Broncos executive vice-president John Elway expects to see Peyton Manning in the NFL next year.
DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES

Elway on Manning retirement: QB still young, playing well

NFL playoffs. Broncos legend says he'll meet with star after playoffs to discuss his future

John Elway doesn't see Peyton Manning riding off into that orange Rocky Mountain sunset the way Elway did 15 years ago if the Denver Broncos quarterback caps his record-setting season with a second Super Bowl ring.

Elway's body was breaking down, having been sacked 516 times — 244 more than Manning has been in about the same number of games.

"I still think he's young and he's playing well," Elway, now the Broncos' executive vice-president, said Thursday of his quarterback, who's coming off

his best statistical season just two years removed from neck problems that weakened his throwing arm. "That's going to come down to Peyton. It's going to come down to what he wants to do."

Manning has given no indication that he's anywhere near calling it quits at age 37, although he has dropped phrases lately like "light at the end of the tunnel" when talking about his career.

Elway takes that to mean Manning knows that whenever he does walk away, these are the days he'll look back on.

Manning is preparing to lead the Broncos (14-3) against Tom Brady and the New England Patriots (13-4) Sunday in the AFC championship.

Elway said he'll meet with Manning after the season to talk about his future. But the

NFL royalty

"There is a fraternity and there is a closeness among quarterbacks."

Former Broncos quarterback John Elway on his relationship with Peyton Manning

four-time MVP, who will likely have No. 5 soon, certainly doesn't seem to be wringing the last Sundays out of his battered body like Elway was doing back in 1998. After all, Manning has thrown for 97 touchdowns in his two seasons in Denver, including an NFL-record 55 this season.

"When you leave this game, you want to leave it on your last leg and try not to leave anything on the table ..." said Elway.

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NFL playoffs

The curse of McDaniels

For a brief time, Josh McDaniels was a celebrity in Denver and he played the part with gusto — running to the corner of the stadium after his first signature win and pumping his fists at the crowd to celebrate.

The fun ended almost as quickly as it began.

And less than five years after that big win over New England vaulted the Broncos to an unexpected 5-0 record, the name "Josh McDaniels" stirs up far more angst and anger in Denver than those of the men he beat that day, Bill Belichick and Tom Brady.

"I ain't got nothing to say about him," says Broncos defensive lineman Robert Ayers, a first-round draft pick during the two-year McDaniels era that fans would love to forget.

The man who alienated fans and left the franchise holding the bag on the Tim Tebow experiment returns Sunday to try to deliver another dagger to Denver.

Continental Cup

Muirhead ups the ante vs. Canada's best in Vegas

The World squad is off to an impressive start at the Continental Cup curling tournament, taking a 2-1 lead over North America after Thursday's opening draw.

Reigning world champion Eve Muirhead of Scotland opened with a 12-2 rout of Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones in a battle of teams bound for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. Muirhead stole three in the fourth end and two more in fifth to earn the full point in the team standings.

"It was a great start, we played really well and the ice conditions are fantastic," Muirhead said. "We had a really solid game out there and to get the first points on the board for Team World was good."

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Eve Muirhead
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Freestyle skiing. Del Bosco's Sochi status still up in the air despite win

Chris Del Bosco entered this week's World Cup skicross competitions in France knowing that a podium appearance would probably lock up a spot on the Canadian team for the Winter Olympics.

He won gold Thursday in a weather-hampered event at Val Thorens, but he likely needs to do more to book his ticket to Sochi.

The race was halted due to high winds and Del Bosco was given the victory based on his qualification results and win in his first heat. However, he'll need to return to the podium Friday to really strengthen his chances for inclusion on the Sochi roster.

"I definitely felt like I could have kept going; it was kind of frustrating because you want to win by winning the final but it was out of my control," Del Bosco said in a release. "There's not really any more I could have done."

"It was getting down to crunch time and I knew what I needed to do. I needed to podium. Sochi qualification is kind of a grey area. I don't really know how that



Canadian Chris Del Bosco
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

works — I'm going to just regroup here and get ready to give 'er again tomorrow."

The second of back-to-back World Cup events will be held Friday at the same venue. The Olympic qualification window for skicross closes Sunday, so it will be the last chance for Canadians to qualify for nomination.

Dave Duncan of London, Ont., was seventh. He slipped to second in the men's overall standings, falling behind Andreas Matt of Austria.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Tampa Bay	48	28	15	5	137	115	61		
Boston	46	29	15	2	132	102	60		
Montreal	48	27	16	5	123	115	59		
Toronto	49	24	20	5	136	149	53		
Ottawa	48	21	18	9	138	151	51		
Detroit	47	20	17	10	118	128	50		
Florida	47	18	22	7	109	144	43		
Buffalo	46	13	27	6	83	129	32		

METROPOLITAN DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Pittsburgh	48	34	12	2	156	115	70		
Philadelphia	48	24	19	5	128	136	53		
N.Y. Rangers	49	25	21	3	120	126	53		
Washington	47	22	17	8	140	141	52		
New Jersey	48	20	18	10	112	118	50		
Columbus	46	22	20	4	129	131	48		
Carolina	46	19	18	9	111	130	47		
N.Y. Islanders	49	19	23	7	134	157	43		

Thursday's results

Montreal 5 Ottawa 4 (OT)
Nashville 4 Philadelphia 3 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 2 Tampa Bay 1 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 1 Detroit 0
San Jose 3 Florida 0
Edmonton at Minnesota
Los Angeles at St. Louis
Boston at Dallas
New Jersey at Colorado
Winnipeg at Calgary
Vancouver at Phoenix

Wednesday's results
Anaheim 9 Vancouver 1
Pittsburgh 4 Washington 3
Toronto 4 Buffalo 3 (SO)

Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Chicago	49	30	8	11	177	135	71		
St. Louis	45	32	8	5	163	100	69		
Colorado	46	29	12	5	135	117	63		
Minnesota	49	25	19	5	118	122	55		
Dallas	46	21	18	7	132	141	49		
Nashville	49	21	21	7	117	146	49		
Winnipeg	48	20	23	5	133	146	45		

PACIFIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Anaheim	49	36	8	5	170	120	77		
San Jose	48	30	12	6	153	117	66		
Los Angeles	47	28	14	5	120	96	61		
Vancouver	48	24	15	9	124	124	57		
Phoenix	46	21	16	9	135	143	51		
Calgary	47	16	25	6	105	148	38		
Edmonton	49	15	29	5	128	174	35		

Note: Two points for a win, one point for an overtime/shootout loss (OL column).

Dallas at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
Boston at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	25	43	68
Kane, Chi	23	33	56
Tavares, NYI	21	35	56
Getzlaf, Ana	23	32	55
Perry, Ana	27	26	53
Thornton, SJ	5	45	50
Sharp, Chi	25	24	49
Kunitz, Pgh	24	25	49
Ovechkin, Wash	34	14	48
Backstrom, Wash	11	37	48
Toews, Chi	17	30	47

Not including last night's games

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's games — All Times Eastern
AFC — New England at Denver, 3 p.m.
NFC — San Francisco at Seattle, 6:30 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XLVIII

Sunday, Feb. 2 — At East Rutherford, N.J.
AFC vs. NFC champions, 6:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	31	7	.816	—
d-Miami	27	11	.711	4
d-Toronto	19	18	.514	11½
Atlanta	20	19	.513	11½
Washington	18	19	.486	12½
Chicago	18	19	.486	12½
Detroit	16	22	.421	15
Brooklyn	16	22	.421	15
Charlotte	16	24	.400	16
New York	15	24	.385	16½
Cleveland	14	25	.359	17½
Boston	14	26	.350	18
Philadelphia	13	25	.342	18
Orlando	10	29	.256	21½
Milwaukee	7	31	.184	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	31	8	.795	—
d-Portland	29	9	.763	1½
Oklahoma City	28	10	.737	2½
d-L.A. Clippers	27	13	.675	4½
Houston	26	14	.650	5½
Golden State	25	15	.625	6½
Phoenix	22	16	.579	8½
Dallas	23	17	.575	8½
Denver	20	18	.526	10½
Memphis	19	19	.500	11½
Minnesota	18	20	.474	12½
New Orleans	15	23	.395	15½
Sacramento	14	23	.378	16
L.A. Lakers	14	25	.359	17
Utah	13	27	.325	18½

Thursday's results

Indiana 117 New York 89
Oklahoma City at Houston
At London, England
Brooklyn 127 Atlanta 110

Wednesday's late results
Boston 88 Toronto 83
Chicago 126 Orlando 125 (3OT)
Portland 108 Cleveland 96

Friday's games — All Times Eastern
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Your mind will be moving fast over the next few days as you look to make your ideas pay. But don't make any decisions until after the Sun changes signs on the 20th. Only then will the way forward be clear.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Something will happen today that annoys you. But when you think about it, you will realize that it makes no difference to your plans. Carry on with what you were going to do.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Don't listen to those who say you are too far out with your ideas for your own good. They may think you are crazy but it all makes perfect sense to you, and that's what matters.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You should make yourself known to important people over the next 24 hours. People in positions of authority will be open to your ideas and before you know it, you could find yourself promoted.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Today's Mercury-Uranus link will help you to see things way ahead of everyone else. However, other aspects warn that what you see over the weekend may be misleading, so don't get carried away.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

According to the planets, you are too close to a project and need to step back a bit if you are to get a realistic view of how you are doing — and what you need to do next.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You don't have to make an issue of every challenge. You will progress quicker if you ignore whatever does not take you closer to your goals.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Try not to make decisions for loved ones because, no matter how well intentioned, they are sure to resent it. Let them learn from their own mistakes and be there to help them up off the floor if they need it.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Someone you meet today will open your eyes to new possibilities. But that does not mean you should drop what you are doing and head off in a new direction. Wait for the Sun to change signs on Monday before making decisions.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The planets warn you could easily be fooled by someone who knows how to play on your insecurities. Don't fall for their lies. If you do, you will have only yourself to blame.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The best way to help yourself today is to help others. With mind planet Mercury linked nicely to your ruler Uranus, you have a knack for knowing what those around you need.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

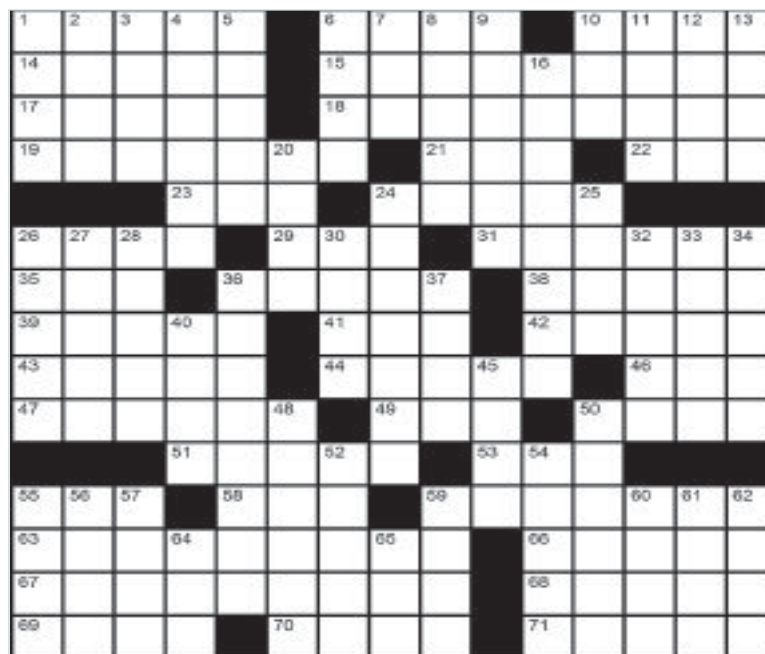
Sometimes things go wrong for a reason and sometimes for no reason at all. What goes wrong today will most likely fall in the latter category but it's really no big deal. Come Monday you will have forgotten all about it.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. ___ Harbour, NWT
6. 'Different' suffix
10. ___ Spumante wine
14. Mr. Blake of ragtime piano
15. Canadian actor, b.1916 - d.2006: 2 wds.
17. Vertical
18. Procedure
19. Its practitioners adapt their movements to the environment to overcome physical obstacles
21. Old French coin
22. Roxy Music's Brian
23. Nav. rank
24. Craft-making fabrics
26. Kill
29. Genetic stuff
31. Agile
35. Poetry contraction
36. ___-totsy
38. Hex
39. Cartoon style
41. Cable network Showtime's website, ___com
42. Quartz variety
43. "That's ___ nonsense." ...said the cow about something ridiculous
44. Nicknamed "Happy Days" character: 2 wds.
46. Grassy roll
47. Mick Jagger's first wife
49. Paddle
50. Naja Hajes
51. Donald Sutherland flick, "Max ___ Returns" (1983)
53. Mil. rank
55. Superstar
58. Roman Myth: Household deity
59. That catchy tune



- you just can't get out of your head
63. "___ of Miracles" (1961) starring #15-Across
66. Google alternative
67. Ex-Atlanta hockey players
68. Colgate competitor
69. Inner light
70. "The Dame ___ Experience"

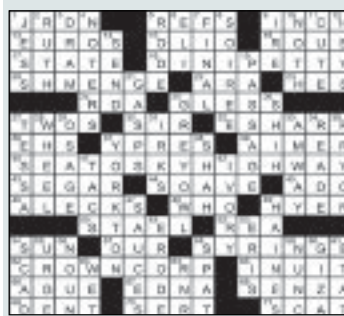
71. Iceland's stories
- Down
1. Permeate
2. Radiant light
3. "Ten-four." sayer
4. "ET Canada" host Cheryl
5. Place atop: 2 wds.
6. Dr. Frankenstein's pal
7. Matterhorn, for one
8. Queen of Bur-

- lesque, Dita Von ___
9. Sign up
10. Morn's follower
11. Silk: French
12. 1982 Sci-Fi movie
13. "___ idea." (That's news to me)
16. Tragically Hip's "___ Disaster"
20. "Till Death ___ Part" (BBC comedy on which "All in the Family" was based)

24. "Cityline": ___ Friday
25. Conceited
26. Baseball great Rusty
27. Toronto-born singer Ms. Ortega
28. Actress Ms. Valli
30. US crash-investigating agcy.
32. Music quintet, Canadian ___
33. Bar, in law
34. Oboist's props
36. "The Legend of ___" (2014)
37. Fitness sort
40. Repair
45. Medieval chest
48. Laurentians locale, Ste-___
50. NB's Premier, David ___
52. Barked
54. Jonathan ___, Juan Peron in "Evita" (1996)
55. Li'l living lairs
56. Salmon sort
57. Shoe shade
59. "Born Free" (1966) lioness
60. Uttered "That's nice dear."
61. Civil Rights leader Ms. Parks
62. Bons ___ (Witticisms)
64. Mr. Penn
65. Archaeological find

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Yesterday's Crossword

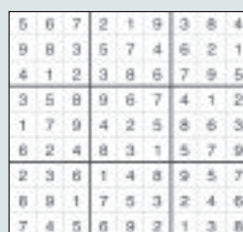


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How to play

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Yesterday's Sudoku



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